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Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report for 1965.

The major event of the year was the sponsoring of a new voluntary body by the Divisional Health Committee - the Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped. This association is supported by a broad spectrum of local organisations and interested individuals - its principle objects being to:-

1) improve the cultural and recreational facilities for the physically handicapped.

2) to supplement the existing county transport for the physically handicapped, bearing in mind the very considerable needs of the elderly.

3) assist in the arranging of holidays for the physically handicapped.

4) to consider, in the long term, with the various statutory bodies the need for sheltered workshop accommodation in the area.

In considering the handicapped, we now have in Mid-Cheshire two strongly supported voluntary societies having the interests of the Mentally Handicapped and Physically Handicapped at heart respectively. The only major group of handicapped remaining, are the mentally ill for whom there is no locally based branch of the National Association for Mental Health. This is a gap in the voluntary services which should eventually be remedied. The community could then, through the offices of these three voluntary associations and the relevant statutory bodies, consider more fully the needs for sheltered workshop accommodation for all the handicapped in the area.

In October, the Special Care Unit in the Junior Training Centre was opened. This unit cares for severely handicapped mentally subnormal children, and gives sorely needed help to a considerable number of parents.

Following the appointment of a part-time clerk, considerable progress has been made in the school immunisation and vaccination programme. This is a very considerable undertaking as protection against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelities is being offered as appropriate to all the school children in the Division.

Towards the end of the year, approval was given to the committee's recommendation that the Local Health Authority organise Cervical Smear Clinics in the Division, and although the hospital services can only offer limited facilities for the examination of smears, a start has been made on the provision of an extremely important preventive service.

Co-operation with the other health and social workers has continued to improve and it is pleasing to note that the co-ordination committees have continued to serve an extremely useful purpose. The opening of an area office by the County Welfare Department has been most helpful. Unfortunately, the position with regards to the provision of hospital geriatric beds has continued to be unsatisfactory and at times a very heavy and unreasonable burden is placed both on relatives, District Nurses and Home Helps. As always they have coped magnificently.

Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to thank you for your interest and support during the year, and Mr. Durrad and members of the Divisional Staff for their co-operation and assistance.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

Divisional Medical Officer.

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MID-CHESHIRE DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

List of Members - 1965/66

Chairman: Mrs. O. O. Bellamy. Vice-Chairman: Mrs. A. Young

Representing the County Council

County Clr. H.S. Mather, 105, Middlewich Road, Northwich.
County Clr. W.D. Yarwood, J.P., "Kirkacre", 145, Chester Road, Northwich.
County Clr. J.N. Wilson, Wharton Hall, Winsford.
County Clr. N.N. Aitchison, J.P., "The Gables", Lostock Gralam, Northwich.
County Clr. D.J. Fryer, 515, London Road, Davenham.
County Clr. W. Jacques, "Worthern", 36, Forest Street, Weaverham, Northwich.
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Clr. Mrs. E. Bowden, 88, Moss Road, Northwich.
Clr. S. Hamlett, 2, Milner Road, Greenbank, Northwich.
Clr. S. Worrall, 26, London Road, Northwich.
Clr. G. Royle, 21, Marshall Lane, Greenbank, Northwich.
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Clr. G.L. Buckley, 632, London Road, Mereheath, Davenham, Northwich.
Clr. Mrs. J.M. Pollard, 34, West Road, Weaverham, Northwich.
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Clr. Mrs. A. Young, "The Poplars", Cockpit Lane, Sandiway, Northwich.
Clr. Miss. G.I. Ward, "Glenariff", Northwich Road, Weaverham, Northwich.
Clr. E.O. Stokes, "South Close", Tarporley, Cheshire.

Representing the Middlewich Urban District Council

Clr. J.D. Blease, "The Woodlands", 49, Nantwich Road, Middlewich.
Clr. H. Dale, 72, Wheelock Street, Middlewich.

Representing the Winsford Urban District Council

Clr. L. Jackson, "Alicia", Crook Lane, Winsford.
Clr. P.G. Tipple, 8, Wharton Green, Winsford.
Clr. L. Knight, J.P., 3, Seaton Street, Winsford.
Clr. Mrs. J. Wrench, 79, Chester Road, Winsford.

Co-opted Members

Dr. C.D. Hough, "Thornbury", 46, Winnington Street, Northwich. (Local Med. Cttee.)
Mr. R. R. Dalby, Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., Winnington. (Medical & Dental)
Mr. D. Drummond, Forest Gate, Whitegate Road, Over. (Hospital Management Cttee.)
Miss M.G. Haward, 33, Grange Road, Cuddington, Northwich. (Nursing Aid Charities.)
Mrs. O. O. Bellamy, "Newlands", Swanlow Lane, Winsford.
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Mrs. M.S. Fulton, Davenham House, Davenham, Near Northwich. (Red Cross Society)

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Clerk to the Divisional Committee - Mr. R.D. Durrad, LL.B.

STAFF OF THE DIVISIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Divisional Medical Officer -	Dr. F. Seymour, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Chief Clerk -	Mr. S.R. Large.
Domestic Help Supervisor -	Mrs. K.M. Pointon.
Clerical Assistants -	Mr. C.H. Dodd. Miss M.C. Vernon. Miss T. Smith. Miss M. Wood. Miss L. Blundell.
Part-time Clerical Assistants -	Mrs. A. Rawson. Mrs. J. Houseman.
Part-time Nurse -	Mrs. R.A. Emery.
Part-time Clinic Clerks -	Mrs. M. Carrie. Mrs. K.M. Clark.
Part-time Occupational Therapist -	Mrs. M.J. Hoey.

STAFF OF THE ADULT TRAINING CENTRE

Superintendent -	Mr. H. Boocock.
Deputy Superintendent -	Miss A. Davenport.
Instructors -	Mr. J. Holman. Mr. L. Simpson. Mrs. K. Hall.

STAFF OF THE JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRE

Supervisor -	Mrs. E.E. Davenport.
Assistant Supervisors -	Miss S.M. Birtwisle. Miss P.B.M. Law. Miss D. Lomax. Mrs. F.O. Moore. Miss A. Pimblott

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Adult Training Centre - Tel. No. Northwich 5100.

Junior Training Centre - Tel. No. Northwich 4398.

DISTRICT NURSES/MIDWIVES

Barnton	Mrs. S. M. Dorling, 30, Hayes Drive, Barnton,	Northwich 4080
Castle	Mrs. P. M. Waterman, 7, Kingsway, Northwich,	Northwich 3707
Davenham	Miss M. Buckley, 437, London Road, Davenham,	Northwich 3027
Delamere	Miss D. Joseph, Wayside, Cotebrook, Tarporley,	Little Budworth 391
Great Budworth	Mrs. E. Burgess, Dunkerry, Gibb Hill, Ahtrobus,	Comberbach 400
Hartford	* Mrs. P. E. Mounsey, 228, Chester Road, Hartford,	Northwich 5083
Little Leigh	Miss E.M. Fishwick, 14, Brakeley Lane, Little Leigh,	Comberbach 275
Lostock Gralam	* Mrs. F. Fuller, 1, Griffiths Road, Lostock Gralam,	Northwich 3046
Marston	Mrs. W. Hudson, 20, Mere Road, Marston,	Comberbach 425
Middlewich	Miss B. Breeze, 11, Coronation Road, Middlewich,	Middlewich 2549
	Mrs. M. Taylor, 32, Sutton Lane, Middlewich	Middlewich 2350
Moulton	Miss V. R. Watts, 11, Regent Street, Moulton,	Winsford 2346
Sandiway	Miss S. Rhodes, The Cottage, Glebe Road, Cuddington.	Sandiway 2252
Tarporley	Mrs. M. Stewart, 10, Eaton Road, Tarporley,	Tarporley 553
Weaverham	* Mrs. M. J. Jackson, 9, West Road, Weaverham,	Weaverham 2278
	* Mrs. E. L. Hampson, Sunfield, Forest Road, Cuddington.	Sandiway 2163
Winsford	Miss I. A. Bremner, 204, Ways Green, Winsford,	Winsford 2548
	Miss P. M. Jones, 8, Wellfield, Wharton Road, Winsford,	Winsford 2766
	Miss I. Woodward, 2, Sycamore Avenue, Dene Estate, Winsford.	Winsford 2163
Witton	* Mrs. I. Owen, Dinastre, Lime Avenue, Leftwich, Northwich.	Northwich 3093
Male Nurse	* Mr. W. Hudson, 20, Mere Road, Marston, Northwich.	Comberbach 425

RELIEF NURSES

Barnton & Little Leigh	* Mrs. M. Reece, 26, George Street, Barnton, Northwich	
Middlewich	Mrs. V. M. Dutton, Walker's Green Farm, Sproston, Middlewich,	Middlewich 2174
Weaverham	* Mrs. A. Webster, Sarnia, Cartledge Close, Cuddington,	Sandiway 2513
Witton	* Mrs. G. Stanway, 23, Beswicks Road, Northwich,	Northwich 5049
Winsford	* Mrs. S. M. Bowers, 29, Woodcott Avenue, Winsford.	

COUNTY MIDWIVES

Hartford & Castle	Mrs. P. Edwards, 28, Stones Manor Lane, Hartford,	Northwich 4737
Leftwich Rudheath	Mrs. W. A. Place, 22, Fairfield Road, Leftwich,	Northwich 3050
Winnington Northwich	Miss D. I. Price, 38, Water Street, Northwich.	Northwich 2314
Weaverham	Miss J. Wolahan, 49, Wallerscote Road, Weaverham,	Weaverham 2116

* Indicates District Nurse only

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES AND CLINICS

Ministry and Proprietary Foods are sold at each of the Child Welfare Clinic Sessions listed below. In addition, Ministry Foods only are available at the following Centres at the times stated:-

Divisional Medical Office	-	Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to noon.
Middlewich Child Welfare Centre	-	Friday 9.15 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Winsford Child Welfare Centre	-	Tuesday 9 15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

BARNTON C.W.C., Brunner School, Lydyett Lane, Barnton.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney — Tel. Northwich 5639
Dentist - Miss P. Gass — Tel. Northwich 5527

Dental Clinic, Monday a.m. & p.m.
Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd. & 4th Wednesdays p.m.
Eye Clinic - 1st. Thursday a.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) 2nd & 4th. Wednesday a.m.

MIDDLEWICH C.W.C., 85, Wheelock Street, Middlewich. — Tel. Middlewich 2165.

Health Visitor - Miss M. Barlow
Dentist - Mr. K.V. Shute

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic - Thursday p.m. (except first)
Eye Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m.
Dental Clinic - Monday & Friday a.m. & p.m. and alternate Wednesdays a.m. & p.m.

NORTHWICH -

DARLAND HOUSE C.W.C., Winnington Hill, Northwich — Tel. Northwich 4643

Health Visitors - Mrs. E.E. Conlin and Mrs. M. Robertshaw
Dentist - Mr. D. Dodd

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 1st Friday p.m.
Paediatric Clinic - 4th Monday p.m.
Speech Therapy - Monday a.m. & p.m. Friday a.m.
Dental Clinic - Tuesday to Friday a.m. & p.m.
Mothers' Club - 3rd Tuesday evening

PARKFIELD C.W.C., Middlewich Road, Rudheath, Northwich. — Tel. Northwich 2186

Health Visitors - Miss P. Toomey and Mrs. I. Harris
Dentists - Mr. F.R. Morrey and Mr. R.H. Hurst.

Child Welfare Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 1st & 3rd Wednesday a.m.
Midwives' Clinic (by arrangement) - Monday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Monday p.m.
Eye Clinics - 2nd & 3rd Thursday a.m., 1st 2nd and 4th Friday p.m.
Dental Clinic - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday a.m. & p.m.
E.N.T. Clinic - (by arrangement) - 3rd Wednesday p.m.
Audiology Clinic (by arrangement) - Thursday a.m.

WINSFORD C.W.C., Weaver Street, Winsford. Tel. Winsford 2387

Dentist - Mr. G.H. Craine, Mr. F.R. Morrey.
Health Visitors - Miss J.M. Gassick and Mrs. M. Brown

Child Welfare Clinic - Friday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.
Midwives' Clinic - Wednesday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) Wednesday p.m.
Eye Clinic - 3rd & 4th Thursdays p.m.
E.N.T. Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m.
Dental Clinic - Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday a.m. & p.m.
Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m.
Mother & Baby Clinic (W.V.S.) - 2nd & 4th Tuesday p.m.

COMBERBACH CLINIC, Parish Hall, Comberbach.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney
Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 3rd Wednesday a.m.

DAVENHAM CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Davenham.

Health Visitor - Vacancy.
Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Thursdays p.m.

HARTFORD CLINIC, Methodist Chapel, Beech Road, Hartford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Robertshaw.
Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays p.m.

LEFTWICH CLINIC, The Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich.

Health Visitor - Vacancy.
Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays p.m.

LOSTOCK CLINIC, Lostock Social Club, Lostock.

Health Visitor - Mrs. I. Harris
Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays p.m.

MOULTON CLINIC, Church Hall, Moulton.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Brown
Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

OVER CLINIC, St. John's Vicarage, Delamere Street, Winsford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Brown
Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.

SANDIWAY CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Sandiway.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Robertshaw.
Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays p.m.

TARPORLEY CLINIC, Community Centre, Tarporley.

Health Visitor - Miss M. Gourlay
Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Thursdays p.m.
Screening Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m. (odd months)
Eye Clinic - 3rd Friday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 4th Thursday a.m.

WEAVERHAM C.W.C., Church Lane, Weaverham. Tel. Northwich 3177

Health Visitor - Mrs. B. Vintner
Dentist - Mr. G.H. Craine

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Monday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - Friday p.m. (once a month)
Midwives' Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Thursday p.m.
Cerebral Palsy Clinic - Wednesday a.m. & p.m. Friday a.m.
Eye Clinic - 3rd Friday p.m.
Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m. & p.m.
Dental Clinic - Wednesday a.m. & p.m.

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC ATTENDANCES

The table below gives the attendances at the various Child Welfare Clinics held in the Division.

	NEW CASES 0 - 1 Year		TOTAL ATTENDANCES 0 - 1 Year		1 - 2 Years		2 - 5 Years	
	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964
Barnton	65	75	845	928	196	142	73	155
Comberbach	27	34	358	469	91	150	160	175
Davenham	34	49	373	349	152	260	191	275
Hartford	42	27	376	350	130	122	49	86
Leftwich	61	62	633	604	93	118	70	63
Lostock	53	76	342	448	83	91	56	125
Middlewich	165	136	1,622	1,455	189	216	177	226
Moulton	29	14	318	173	125	88	164	69
Darland House	129	82	1,686	1,509	363	356	148	131
Parkfield	189	220	2,413	2,916	422	470	136	228
Sandiway	91	53	564	539	148	175	62	115
Tarporley	45	34	434	409	124	135	161	163
Weaverham	130	129	1,959	2,006	380	326	257	132
Winsford, Weaver St.	170	195	1,312	1,532	176	171	119	19
Winsford, Over	135	57	1,018	223	165	54	123	28
	1,365	1,243	14,253	13,910	2,837	2,874	1,946	1,990

WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Distribution has continued satisfactorily throughout the year, the table below gives details of the items distributed.

Year	Value of Sales Proprietary Foods Sold only at Clinics	National Dried Milk (tins)	Orange Juice (bottles)	Cod Liver Oil (bottles)	A & D Tablets (packets)
1965	£5,395	20,910	13,991	1,022	1,744
1964	£5,007	20,969	12,733	1,016	1,712
1959	£3,140	35,780	36,814	4,390	3,657
1954	£2,140	30,563	24,158	5,672	1,404

HEALTH EDUCATION

The basic Health Education work in the Division has continued to be carried out by the members of the Health Department Staff in their everyday contacts with the public.

In co-operation with the Public Health Inspectors several courses of food hygiene lectures were organised in addition to a pilot lecture to the Weaverham and District Home Helps on "Safety in the Home." This proved to be a most stimulating afternoon and well worth repeating elsewhere in the Division as soon as time is available.

Advice was sought from the Director of the Manchester Committee on Cancer Education regarding the methods of persuading the public to attend Cervical Smear Clinics. As a result, a half day course was organised for the Health Visitors, District Nurses and Midwives in the Division, it being considered that this was a subject best dealt with during the day to day contacts these members of the staff have with the public.

A certain amount of use has been made of the 16 mm cine sound projector and at one stage my Chief Clerk was undertaking the bulk of the work as projectionist. However, this was found to interfere too much with the Divisional Office administration and the projector can now only be used when one of the Health Visitors has the time to show a film during the course of a Clinic etc. This can only normally happen at the larger clinic centres where there are two Health Visitors.

It would seem that with the ever increasing expansion both of the scope and size of the Health Services, it will be impossible to make a major impact in the field of Health Education until there is a member of staff with special interests and training in this subject and having time available to organise Health Education Projects. It might then be possible to include in her duties special responsibilities for Safety in the Home.

CERVICAL SMEAR CLINICS

With the co-operation of the North and Mid-Cheshire Management Committee it was possible to commence a Cervical Smear Clinic in November, 1965. Clinics are held on alternate weeks either at Northwich or Winsford. The press has been most co-operative in bringing this service to the attention of the public and at the present time demand is such that there is a waiting period of over one month.

Applications for appointments should be addressed to the Divisional Medical Officer.

The table below gives further details:-

	No. of Clinics held	No. of Patients seen	No. of Patients referred for further investigation.
Parkfield Clinic Northwich.	2	20	1
Weaver Street Clinic Winsford.	2	16	Nil

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The tables below give details of the various infectious diseases notified in each council area within the division during 1964 and 1965.

	1964					1965				
	NRD	WUD	MUD	NUD	Div.	NRD	WUD	MUD	NUD	Div.
Dysentery	2	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	1
Measles	451	165	21	185	822	476	59	4	330	869
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia, Influenzal & acute Lobar	3	4	1	-	8	2	-	-	1	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	13	6	-	18	37	28	1	-	6	35
Respiratory Tuberculosis	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	16	-	-	26	42	5	-	-	1	6
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	1	7
Encephalitis	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD POISONING

The six cases of food poisoning in Winsford arose from two family outbreaks. They were, however, fully investigated and no cause for the symptoms was found, and it may well be that they were of virus origin. The single case of food poisoning in the Urban District of Northwich followed the consumption of sandwiches in Manchester, and the relevant details were sent through to the Manchester Health Department.

MEASLES

It appears that measles vaccines will become available in 1966. These will be of considerable value in protecting those children likely to develop serious complications should they suffer an attack of measles.

There is, however, the possibility that one may be merely postponing the age of onset until adult life when the disease is usually much more severe. Until further information is available as to the length of time immunity is conferred by the present vaccines, it may well prove advisable to defer general vaccination.

TUBERCULOSIS

Year 1965	Northwich U.D.		Winsford U.D.		Middlewich U.D.		Northwich R.D.	
	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.
New Cases notified (including Transfers)	5	1	4	1	4	-	4	-
Deaths	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-
Recovered	7	1	7	-	1	-	6	1
Other Removals from Register (Left District etc.,)	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
No. on Register at the end of 1964	25	8	38	9	13	6	73	28
No. on Register at the end of 1965	22	7	33	10	14	6	68	27

R. - Respiratory. N.R. - Non-Respiratory.

Mass Radiography Survey

The M.M.R. Unit visited the division during the year. Although the detailed results of the survey are not yet available the Director informs me that numbers attending, 5774, were very similar to 1960 when 5800 persons were X-Rayed.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

There was approximately a 20% rise in the numbers of children immunised and reimmunised against Diphtheria and Tetanus, and almost a 100% increase in those protected against Poliomyelitis.

The former was largely due to the commencement of immunising sessions at schools and the latter to the larger numbers of persons attending Dr's surgeries, and public vaccination sessions (organised by the Department) during the outbreaks of poliomyelitis in neighbouring parts of Cheshire and Lancashire. It became quite obvious during the year that with the increase in the workload in the Divisional it would be quite impossible to make any substantial increase in the number of children immunised against Diphtheria and Tetanus without the employment of additional staff. Consequently the Divisional Health Committee approved the appointment of a temporary part-time clerk on the basis of 18 hours per week. She took up her duties in September and it is interesting to note that at the end of the year, there were the following numbers of children in the middle of primary immunising courses against the diseases stated, these being sessions organised by the Department at the various schools in the Division.

Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	88
Tetanus	-	764
Poliomyelitis	-	286

Providing this programme can be maintained there should be a very substantial increase in the numbers of children completing their immunising courses during 1966.

Table showing numbers of children under the age of 16 years immunised and vaccinated during 1964 and 1965.

		1965		1964	
		Primary	Booster	Primary	Booster
Diphtheria		-	59	-	89
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough		-	-	-	10
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough & Tetanus		1021	208	979	215
Diphtheria/Tetanus		152	255	24	117
Tetanus		225	51	278	7
Poliomyelitis	Sabin Vaccine	1575	1393	921	549
	Salk Vaccine	51	31	68	36
Smallpox	Under 1 Year	38		39	
	1 - 5 Years	307		278	
	School Children	71		45	

1965	1695	Children	received	primary	or	booster	against Diphtheria.
1964	1428	"	"	"	"	"	"
1965	1971	"	"	"	"	"	Tetanus
1964	1713	"	"	"	"	"	"
1965	3050	"	"	"	"	"	Poliomyelitis
1964	1574	"	"	"	"	"	"

B.C.G. VACCINATION

As will be seen the B.C.G. programme was brought up-to-date, making good the delays which had occurred during 1964 due to staff illness. Once again it is pleasing to note that the percentage of parents consenting increased.

It would appear, for the time being the fall in the number of children who are tuberculin positive has ceased and the figure is stablizing at approximately 20%.

Year	Children Eligible	Percentage of Parents consenting	Percentage abs. for Tests	Percentage Tuberculin Positive	Percentage Tuberculin Neg. & Vacc.
1961	806	70	13	30	70
1962	1,326	76	11	28	72
1963	1,453	83	14	21	79
1964	1,031	85	15	19	81
1965	1,518	87	12	19	81

SERVICES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

The major development in the field of services for the physically handicapped during the year was the formation of the Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped. This Association was sponsored by the Divisional Health Committee and is an excellent example of co-operation between the statutory and voluntary services. The Association has received full support from the community and has taken as it's first two major tasks the raising of money to buy a special vehicle for use within the Division, and secondly to assist the Divisional Health Committee and W.V.S. in extending the social and cultural activities available.

Following the appointment of a part-time Occupational Therapist for four half-day sessions per week a considerable expansion in the visiting of the handicapped in their homes was effected. The Occupational Therapist has spent one half-day per week at either the Handicraft or Social Clubs and the remaining three half-days have been spent visiting the handicapped in their homes. During these visits she is able to make a full assessment of both the social and physical needs of the handicapped and also provide a link between the Divisional Office and the various clubs.

As time has permitted she has also visited old People's Clubs in the Division to discuss the social facilities for the elderly physically handicapped in each area. From these visits it has become apparent that there are a considerable number of elderly physically handicapped persons in the community who are unable, through a lack of suitable transport and facilities to visit their local Old People's Clubs and of course it is one of the major objects of the Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped to assist in the provision of such transport.

The Highfield Club which the Divisional Health Committee runs in partnership with the W.V.S. is now well established, and I would like to express my appreciation to the W.V.S. for their assistance in running this club. The social and handicraft groups have met regularly throughout the year, on alternate weeks. The contribution which these groups have made to the development of wider interests and friendships of the members, many of which are continued outside the club, cannot be over emphasised.

The table below gives details of membership and attendences.

	No. of members		No. of Sessions		No. of Atten.	
	Dec. 65.	Dec. 64	1965	1964	1965	1964
Social Club	52	35	23+	25	674	656
Handicrafts	30	22	24	20	452	268

The activities of the Highfield Social Club have included:-

Three 21st Birthday Celebrations.

'Brain of Highfield' Competitions.

Film Shows etc.

In addition to the sessions listed above a trip to Blackpool, a Sea Cruise to Llandudno, a visit to the 'Old People's Frolics', a trip to Lymm Park arranged by the Toc H, a Hot Pot Supper and entertainment arranged by the 18+ Group of Northwich and visits to see the 'Desert Song' and the 'King and I' were enthusiastically supported by the members. This can quite reasonably be described as a full and varied programme.

The policy has continued of arranging in the hall of the Adult Training Centre each Christmas, a Christmas Dinner and entertainment, to which members of the W.V.S. and other Physically Handicapped Clubs in Cheshire are invited.

In January, 160 people sat down to a Hot Pot Supper and in December, as it was thought advisable to limit the numbers attending - 130. One of the objects of organizing such major functions was the hope that clubs in the country would develop a policy of reciprical invitations, but unfortunately this has not happened. This is a great pity as the members greatly enjoy the opportunity to discuss what is happening in other areas and the occasions provide further opportunity for widening interests and friendships.

Towards the end of the year the Mid-Cheshire Association commenced evening sessions for members of the Highfield Club. These sessions have a cultural bias consisting of two groups, art and music, the groups combining at the end of the evening to demonstrate to each other what each has achieved. This is an extremely interesting development full of possibilities and of very great interest to the members who attend.

CAR BADGES FOR THE DISABLED DRIVERS

Owners of Ministry of Pensions invalid motorised vehicles are eligible, on application, to receive two stick on car badges identifying them as physically handicapped. This Scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Health in an effort to assist owners of such vehicles to receive extra consideration when parking. Five persons were assisted in this way during the year.

SPECIAL HOUSING.

It is pleasing to note that both Middlewich and Winsford Urban District Councils are considering building special bungalows for physically handicapped persons living in their districts.

ADAPTATIONS TO PROPERTY

The under-mentioned adaptations to property have been carried out during 1965 - to assist handicapped persons to manage more easily in their own homes.

Where it is not possible to adapt the existing house of a handicapped person satisfactorily, the question of re-housing is taken up with the relevant District Council, these cases always receiving sympathetic consideration.

Adaptations etc.	Approx. cost.
Provision of handrail to staircase	£7. 0. 0d.
Relaying of path and alteration of step	£8. 0. 0d.
Ramp provided.	£22. 0. 0d.
Rebuilding of wall, fixing of gate.	£30. 0. 0d.
Wooden ramp provided.	£9. 0. 0d.
Provision of sliding door.	£9. 0. 0d.
Provision of flagged runway.	£12. 0. 0d.
Laying of garage base, and flagging approach.	£17. 0. 0d.
Provision of wooden ramp	£8. 0. 0d.
Handrail provided with bath seat, and two door pulls.	£3. 0. 0d.
Provision of handrail.	£3. 0. 0d.

The only major adaptation carried out during the year was to provide a ground floor bed sitting room to assist a young man confined to a wheel chair, who was living with his mother and grandmother in their own small house which had only one downstairs living room.

The cost of this adaptation was £376 and as the adaptation increased the value of the house, a loan was made by the County Council, the National Assistance Board paying the interest charges.

CARE AND AFTER CARE

Nursing equipment and aids for the sick and handicapped are available on loan, free of charge from the Divisional Medical Office, providing a Doctor or some other suitably qualified person states that the items are required.

The following is a list of the items supplied during the year.

EQUIPMENT ISSUED

	1965	1964		1965	1964
Air Rings	27	18	Feeding Cup	1	4
Baby Bouncer	1	-	Fireguards	2	1
Back Rests	34	36	Forks	5	1
Bath Aids	11	7	Headrest	1	-
Bath Mat	1	1	Hoists	5	-
Bath Seats	3	4	Protective Pants	9	4
Bed Cages	11	9	& Interliners	224	
Bed Pans	32	18	Rollator	1	-
Bed Poles	5	12	Shoe Horn	1	1
Bottles	19	19	Spoons	5	-
Commodes	23	23	Spring Pole	1	1
Crutches	29	7	Stocking Puller - on	1	1
Ejector Seat	1	2	Toilet Seat Aids	5	3
Electric Shaver	1	-	Underpads	8390	7,220
Enuresis Outfits	31	-	Walking Aids	23	14
Exercyle	1	1	Walking Stocks	6	11
			Wheelchairs.	29	29

CONVALESCENT TREATMENT

Five patients were sent for convalescent treatment during 1965.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

During the year there was an increase of about 10% in the number of hours worked, the greater part of this increase occurring in the months of November and December.

All demands on the service have been met, although at times it has been under considerable pressure, in particular, it has been difficult to obtain the necessary helps in some of the rural areas.

One cannot stress too much the importance of the Home Help Service in relation to the community care of the elderly. The helps frequently becoming the main stay and friend of the household, especially where the elderly person lives alone.

A film show and discussion on the subject of Home Safety was provided for the Weaverham and district home helps. This was an interesting and stimulating event which it is hoped to repeat in the future.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

1. Number of Domestic Helps employed at end of year:-

(a) Whole-time - Nil.

(b) Part-time - 63

(c) Equivalent whole-time of (b) - 16

Classification of cases and hours worked:-

	1964		1965	
	Cases	Hours Worked	Cases	Hours Worked
Aged & Infirm	176	30,591	213	33,811
Others	14	1,141	21	729
Confinements	17	540	14	701

	1964	1965
Future Recovery Cases registered with County Treasurer	42	39
Contributions from cases	£1,604	£1,708.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

There was again an increase in the number of persons applying and qualifying for this Service, but the increase of approximately 13% in the number of patients was very much less than that in 1964, when there was approximately a 50% increase on the 1963 figures.

It is hoped that this fall in the rate of increase means that most of those who are eligible and who need the service, are now receiving it. However, this may well not be, as so many of the elderly accept disability as an inevitable part of growing old and do not realise the great improvement which chiropody treatment can make to their mobility and general well-being.

	OVER 65				PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED			
	No. of Patients		No. of Treatments.		No. of Patients.		No. of Treatments.	
	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964
Chiropidist's Surgery	440	401	2078	2018	14	13	62	59
Home of Patient	289	248	1341	1131	23	8	62	45

	1965	1964
No. of Cases in which County Council paid full fees	665	592
No. of Cases in which County Council paid half fees	101	78

TRAINING CENTRES, NORTHWICH.

The programme of the centres has continued along the lines established in 1965.

In common with the schools in the area, immunisation against diphtheria, tetanus, polio and tuberculosis was offered as appropriate to children and adults attending the centres. In addition, the School Medical Officer and the Youth Employment Officer visited the Junior Training Centre. At the end of the year the following numbers were attending:-

Junior Training Centre.	Male	Female
Infants	7	4
Junior	8	5
Senior	7	9
Special Care Unit	6	2
	28	20
Senior Training Centre.	32	22

JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRE.

The training programme continued throughout the year, much progress being made towards helping the children become more self-reliant and controlled in their behaviour.

The summer term was a busy one as it included the annual outing to Southport, a visit of two students for teaching practice, and two new ventures. The first of these was a sports day, when parents, friends and the Adult Centre Trainees watched the events, the standard of which has improved considerably since the opening of the Centre. In July the first Parent-Teacher meeting was held to enable parents to see and discuss their child's work and progress with members of the staff.

The beginning of the Autumn term was marked by the opening of the special care unit for children who in addition to being mentally handicapped, are physically handicapped, or in need of extra attention because of incontinence etc. Two additional assistant supervisors were appointed to staff this unit, which is a great boon to the mothers of the entirely helpless children who have been admitted.

At the Christmas concert and party this year, the infants mimed the "Story of Baby Jesus" and the more senior children gave an excellent performance of the "Sleeping Princess". Visitors noticed a marked improvement in the dancing and acting of the children.

The Northwich branch of the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children whose meetings are held at the Centre presented a cheque for £100 to the Centre's Welfare Account and the Mid-Cheshire School of Dancing Charity Committee gave £5.

Youth Club nights are organised by the local Society in co-operation with the Supervisor and are held once a month at present. They have an important part to play in increasing the fullness of the children's lives and one would like to see an increase in the scope and frequency of these meetings.

ADULT TRAINING CENTRE

Throughout the programme, training in social behaviour and skills is considered to be of prime importance and emphasis is placed on fostering a keen team spirit.

Complimentary to this, the boys receive instruction in the use of a wide variety of woodworking tools and machinery, and by the use of personalised jigs and special tools have produced a variety of articles of good quality e.g.

Trays, Childs Chairs, Dwarf Steps and Occasional Tables etc.

Gardening knowledge has not been neglected and a considerable quantity of vegetables have been produced as a result of the Trainees' efforts in the kitchen garden. With the collaboration of several firms the Trainees also make their contribution to industry by means of contract work. This work is quite diverse - including the making of simple wire loops for use in plastic dipping, the cutting of electric cable to an exact length (for use in transformers) and the assembly of various small components required in the electrical industry.

The girls too enjoy a variety of occupations, Domestic Science playing a considerable part here. In addition embroidery, sewing, the making of soft toys and knitting have been undertaken with great success. The quality of the work has constantly improved and during the coming year it is hoped to introduce new ideas and methods, to enable each Trainee to develop their own individual potential to the full.

Recreation is amply catered for, music and dancing are used to encourage self-expression and co-ordination of movement, each Friday afternoon being set aside for organised games. During the summer, weekly visits to the swimming baths were enjoyed by five male Trainees. Two are competant swimmers and this has helped considerably in giving their friends confidence in the water.

It is hoped to resume these visits in the new year with a qualified instructor to teach bouyancy and swimming.

A bonfire and firework display, Christmas Party and two outings, one to Anglesey and the other to New Brighton were organised during the year, all these events being very greatly enjoyed by everyone participating.

The Northwich branch of the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children presented a cheque for £100 to the Welfare Fund and the Mid-Cheshire School of Dancing Charity Committee £5. The latter gift is to be used for purchasing rose trees to be planted around the Centre entrance.

APPENDIX

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC

A Family Planning Association Clinic is held every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. at the Victoria Infirmary, Northwich.

LUNCHEON CLUBS

Luncheon Clubs are held at Northwich, Barnton, Comberbach, Cuddington and Hartford, applications to The Secretary, Northwich Council of Social Service, The Salt Museum, Northwich (Tel. No. Northwich 2393).

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

Northwich Urban District - applications to Mrs. Stott, W.V.S. Organiser, "The Laurels", Norley Road, Cuddington, Northwich.

Northwich Rural District - applications to W.V.S. Organisers:-
Mrs. M. Readman, Delamere Lodge, Delamere (services in Barnton and Weaverham)
Mrs. S. Hickman Smith, "Monkstone", Sutton Field Whitegate (services in Hartford and Davenham).
Mrs. G. Bark, "Glenthorne", High St., Tarporley (services in the Tarporley area).
or to Centre Organiser Mrs. Crill, Box Hedge, Acton Bridge, Weaverham.

Winsford Urban District - Mrs. O.O. Bellamy, W.V.S. Organiser, 44, Swanlow Lane, Winsford, Cheshire.

Middlewich Urban District- Mrs. R.A. Neill, W.V.S. Organiser, Nantwich Road, Middlewich.

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUBS.

	Secretary
Barnton Old Friends' Club, Lydyett Lane, Barnton.	Mrs. Alcock, 120, Church Road, Barnton.
Castle & Winnington Old Friends' Club, Barbers Lane, Queensgate, Northwich.	Mrs. Shaw, 7, Darwin Street, Castle.
Comberbach & Marbury Over 60's Club, Memorial Hall, Comberbach, Northwich.	Mrs. Kellett, "Freeleen", Marbury Rd., Comberbach.
Cuddington & Sandiway Old Friends' Club, Church Hall, Sandiway, Northwich.	Mrs. Tomkinson, "Kedah", Chester Road, Sandiway.
Darby & Joan Club, W.V.S. Civil Defence Centre, Hayhurst Street, Northwich.	Mrs. Vernon, "Frandor", Lime Avenue, Northwich.
Davenham Old Friends' Club, Davenham Social Club, Firths Fields.	Mrs. Rowe, 29, Firths Fields, Davenham.
Hartford Over 60's Club, Hartford Church Hall.	Mrs. Griffiths, 149, Chester Road, Northwich.
Leftwich Estate Over 60's Club, Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich.	Mrs. Faloon, 302, London Road, Leftwich.
Lostock Gralam Monday Club, Lostock Social Club.	Mrs. Morris, 3, Prospect Drive, Davenham.
Moulton Old Friends' Club, Moulton Church Hall.	Mrs. Allman, "Clovelly", Niddries Lane, Moulton.
Northwich Pensioners' Association, Gladstone Club, Northwich.	Mr. Hornbuckle, 3, St. John's Close, Rudheath.
Rudheath Old Friends' Club, Youth Club, Rudheath, Northwich.	Mrs. Stubbs, "Inglewood", King Street, Rudheath.

Club	Secretary
Tarporley Autumn Club, Community Centre, Tarporley.	Mrs. Wilkinson, Clifton House, High Street, Tarporley, Cheshire.
Weaverham Old Friends' Club, Weaverham Church Hall.	Mrs. Winterbottom, 39, Owley Wood Road, Weaverham.
Whitegate Old Friends' Club, Whitegate Recreation Club.	Mrs. Leadbeater, "Wood End Cottage", Whitegate.
Wincham Old Friends' Club, Wincham Church School.	Mr. Smith, 106, Pickmere Lane, Wincham.
Witton - Darby & Joan Club, Bourne Methodist School Room, Witton Street, Northwich.	Mrs. Skellon, 46, Victoria Road, Northwich.
Veterans' Club, Castle Park Dairies, Castle, Northwich.	Mr. S. Rogerson, 366, London Road, Northwich.

Over 60's Club, The Institute, Queen Street, Middlewich.	Mrs. M. Hall, 75, Nantwich Road, Middlewich.

Darby & Joan Club, Methodist Sunday School Rooms, (Wharton Road), Winsford. Darby & Joan Club, The Community Centre, Grange Estate, Winsford.	Applications for membership to:- The Secretary, Winsford Ladies Cttee., c/o Over Hall, Winsford.

Club Rooms open daily in Middlewich -

Fountain Field Sports Ground, building adjacent to the Bowling and Putting Greens.

Room adjacent to the Chadwick Fields Home, newspapers and periodicals available, also the use of a small billiard table and other games.

Area Welfare Officer.	Miss L. Tweedle, Weaver Hall, London Road, Northwich.

Welfare Homes	Accommodation	
	Men	Women
New Weaver Hall	15	45
Old Weaver Hall	26	70
"Gleavewood", Farm Road, Weaverham.	11 bedder for men and women to be opened shortly.	

Area Children's Officer, Children's Department.	Miss M.D. Pierce, Winnington Hill, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 5243.
Area Mental Welfare Officer.	Mr. G.H. Howard, Brunner Guildhall, High Street, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 3346.

Chief Public Health Inspectors:-	Mr. J. S. Carrie, Northwich Rural District Council, Council Offices, Whitehall, Hartford, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 4274.
	Mr. T. H. Rogerson, Winsford Urban District Council, Over Hall, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2021.
	Mr. T. Baines, Northwich Urban District Council, The Council House, Church Road, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 2334.
	Mr. F. C. Costello, Middlewich Urban District Council, Lewin Street, Middlewich. Tel. No. Middlewich 2571.
Council of Social Service and Citizens Advice Bureau, Northwich.	Mrs. E. Nutter, The Salt Museum, Witton Street, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 2393.
Citizens Advice Bureau, Winsford.	Mrs. Gott, The Rates Office, Town Bridge, High Street, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2551.
Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped.	Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. M. Rogerson, Little Moss, Cinder Hill, Whitehall.
Northwich Branch, Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.	Hon. Sec. Mrs. Van-Ulden, 2, The Grange, Norley Road, Cuddington, Northwich.